BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 672 By: Carona Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that there is ambiguity and confusion in the interpretation of current laws and administrative rules relating to the state's regulatory authority over the initial construction and installation of industrialized homes as well as the post-construction follow-up inspections of such homes. S.B. 672 seeks to provide clarity on the regulation of industrialized housing following initial code-compliant construction.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

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S.B. 672 amends the Occupations Code to prohibit the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), and the executive director of TDLR from performing an inspection or investigation, opening a complaint, or initiating an administrative or enforcement action against a manufacturer, builder, or third-party inspector of industrialized housing after the second anniversary of the date of the final on-site inspection of the industrial housing by a municipal building official or an approved third-party inspector. The bill authorizes the commission or the executive director to impose a penalty or sanction in an enforcement action against a manufacturer, builder, or third-party inspector of industrialized housing contingent on the commission, TDLR, or the executive director initiating the enforcement action before the second anniversary of the date of the final on-site inspection.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.

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